



NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER DAY — 2019 —

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“Resolved, that it is the duty of all persons of the United States, as well as all other inhabitants thereof, to give the earliest information to Congress or any other proper authority of any misconduct, frauds, or misdemeanors committed by any persons in the service of these States, which may come to their knowledge.”



*First U.S. whistleblower law, unanimously passed on
July 30, 1778 by the Continental Congress*

— ABOUT —

National Whistleblower Day commemorates the bold vision of our Founding Fathers and their uncompromising support for whistleblowers.

This year marks the 241st anniversary of America's first whistleblower law, passed on July 30, 1778. The law was passed after ten whistleblowers reported wrongdoing and abuses committed by a superior officer in the Continental Navy.

Today, National Whistleblower Day celebrates those people who raise their voice in the name of combating fraud, corruption, and other crimes; their courage in the face of great adversity; and the strength of their conviction and dedication to the truth.

— SPEAKERS —

SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY

Keynote Speaker

R-Iowa

JANE TURNER

Master of Ceremonies

Whistleblower

JOHN KOSTYACK

Opening Remarks

Executive Director, National Whistleblower Center

SENATOR RON WYDEN

D-Oregon

SENATOR RON JOHNSON

R-Wisconsin

SENATOR JAMES LANKFORD

R-Oklahoma

REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS

Video Address

D-Maryland

REP. KATHLEEN RICE

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D-New York

REP. MARK MEADOWS

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R-North Carolina

REP. JACKIE SPEIER

Video Address

D-California

MICHAEL E. HOROWITZ
Inspector General, Department of Justice

RT. HON. BARONESS SUSAN KRAMER
United Kingdom, Member of Parliament

STEPHEN M. KOHN
Chairman, Board of Directors
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President of the Board of Directors
National Whistleblower Center

SHERRON WATKINS
Whistleblower

BRADLEY BIRKENFELD
Whistleblower

DR. AARON WESTRICK
Whistleblower

SHEILA WHITE
Whistleblower

GENE ROSS
Whistleblower

TOM MUELLER
Author

JOHN CRUDEN
Attorney

Speaker list does not reflect order of appearance.

For a complete, up-to-date program please visit: www.whistleblowers.org/NWD2019

HONORED WHISTLEBLOWERS IN ATTENDANCE

Constance Andresen • Hap Barko • Yolanda Bell • Mary Ellen Belding • Bradley Birkenfeld • James Bobreski • Joseph Carson • Kathleen Cole • Zena Crenshaw-Logal • Thomas Day • James DeNofrio • Carrie Devorah • Caroline Douglas • Matthew Fogg • Felipe Franchini • Jacqueline Garrick • Brian Gately • Deirdre Gilbert • Ross Greene • Gretchen Hammond • Tanya Hathaway • Kiki Ikossi • Darin Jones • Ron Kavanagh • Robert Kobus • Andrew Kreig • Mika Lentz • Robert J. MacLean • Arthurette Martin • Michael McCray • Joyce Megginson • Daniel P. Meyer • Charles Middleton • Kelly Miller • Agnes Mina • Tammy Mitchell • Arlene Mullin • James Murtagh • Barbara Newman • Irene Parker • Nancy Paul • Gretchen Peters • Jason Piccolo • Wendell Potter • Carlos Ramirez • Marcel Reid • Kimberly Rivers-Roberts • Gene Ross • Michael Sandknop • Gerald Smith • Marcia Southwick • Paulette Taylor • Russ Tice • Jane Turner • Frank Vetro • Tanya Ward Jordan • Sherron Watkins • David P. Weber • Julie Weber • Walter Wenger • Aaron Westrick • Sheila White • Terry Williams • Rebecca Wright • Kimberly Young-McLear

*We celebrate all the other courageous whistleblowers who
combat fraud, corruption, and injustice.*

“We are ready to hazard everything that is dear & if necessary, sacrifice our lives for the welfare of our country, we are desirous of being active in the defense of our constitutional liberties and privileges against the unjust cruel claims of tyranny & oppression . . .”



Petition dated February 19, 1777 written to the Continental Congress by America's first whistleblowers

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